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## SENATORS WAX WARM OVER PROHIBITION BILL

**Senator Humphries Thinks That Liquor Interests  
Have Had Sufficient Hearing.**

TALLAHASSEE, April 21.—The first tilt over the McMullen resolution calling for a prohibition constitutional amendment was the feature of Tuesday's session of the Senate. Senator Buckman of Duval and Senator Humphries of Manatee were the participants.

Senator Buckman was absent Monday when the McMullen resolution was passed from second reading on the engrossing committee's report, which is equivalent to passing to third reading on the calendar. Yesterday he attempted to have the resolution placed back on second reading on the calendar for amendment.

In the absence of Chairman McMullen of the temperance committee, Senator Humphries opposed such action. He took occasion to make a strong prohibition speech, attacking what he pleased to term the policy of allowing the liquor interests to throw their entire strength into Tallahassee against the Legislature to defeat the measure, and denouncing the methods which they might use. He declared that they had had a public hearing before the people of Florida for two years.

Senator Buckman held aloof from discussing the resolution, but main-

tained that it should be kept on second reading until after the public hearing before the committee Thursday. If Senator McMullen so chooses, the resolution can be called up for passage in the Senate this morning, the Senate having refused to entertain the Buckman motion by a viva voce vote.

Senate Bill No. 35, by Mr. Williams, for regulation of secret societies, was taken up as a special order. Woodmen of World, Farmers' Union, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. and subordinate lodges.

Senator Williams attacked the negro secret society and referred to instances in which such orders have protected criminals. "They do not grasp the noble principles of the secret society. It is them that are causing the present strife growing up between the young negroes and the whites. The negroes of today do not show the respect to white people that their grandparents did. The hills of old Leon have been dyed with the blood of whites slain by criminals sheltered by the negro secret society."

The bill was referred back to committee to be redrawn with amendments.

## MORE HOPEFUL FEELING AMONG THE AMERICANS

**SENDING OF U. S. WARSHIPS IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**The Advance Guard of the Constitutional Army Has Arrived on Outskirts of Constantinople.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21, 12:30 p. m.—The advance guard of the constitutional army has arrived on the outskirts of the city. The cabinet will meet this afternoon and proclaim martial law in the capital.

The administering of the oath to the troops still in the garrison is proceeding, in accordance with the demands of the constitutionalists. Furthermore, authors of the recent uprising are being sought out and arrested. In some quarters it is believed there is increasing possibility of arriving at an understanding which may result in reconciliation between the Young Turks and the Sultan.

Later reports from the Syrian coast show radical fanaticism is raiding the vilayet of Aleppo. Disturbances have broken out at Antioch and Bierjik and foreigners have taken refuge at the British vice consulates. The British cruiser has landed fifty men at Alexandretta. The authorities appear to be powerless effectively to control the situation.

The receipt of the news here that the American Government had ordered the cruisers Montana and North Carolina to Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, for the protection of Americans, has brought a sense of security to the Americans here and in the Syrian coast cities of Mersina, Beirut and Alexandretta.

It was declared in official circles this morning that pourparlers between the Government and the constitutional army promise a settlement. It is alleged that the army no longer insists on the withdrawal of the present ministry and the reinstallation of the Hilmi cabinet, but it does maintain its demand for the punishment of the author of the recent trouble.

## NEGRO BOY FED BABY TO THE HOGS

**INJURED THREE OTHER CHILDREN AFTERWARD WITH AXE.**

**Angry Because His Stepmother Left Him to Take Care of His Half Brothers and Sisters.**

NEW ORLEANS, April 21.—Because his step-mother had left him at home near Opelousas, La., in charge of his young step-brothers and sisters, Tom Godfrey, a 12-year-old negro, fed the youngest of his charges to the hogs and later with an axe inflicted what will probably prove fatal wounds on the other children.

Three children were injured. The step-mother reported the crime to the parish authorities and Tom was placed in jail at Opelousas. She says she found the baby in the pen with the hogs when she returned home late Monday. Its hands and feet had been eaten off, but it was still alive.

She straightway whipped Tom and when she went for a doctor to attend the baby, Tom seized an axe and attacked his 6-year-old step-brother, inflicting several deep wounds. His young step-sister interfered and he crushed her skull with the axe. The girl is dying and the other two children have little chance for recovery.

Six hundred hogheads of leaf tobacco will be shipped from Pensacola about May 1 to Liverpool. The shipment comes from Kentucky and is being exported by a tobacco firm of that State.

## HOUSE MEMBERS MAKE PLEA FOR ECONOMY

**Some Even Willing to Suffer Cut in Compensation.  
Great Interest in Prohibition Bill.**

TALLAHASSEE April 21.—Superinduced by a resolution offered by Representative Light of Marion county, providing for a reduction of committee clerkships to five in number, the introduction of a volume of subsequent resolutions containing provisions for economy of legislative expenses metamorphosed yesterday's session of the lower branch of the Florida Legislature into something of a burlesque, which had its inception shortly after the House had been called to order and continuing throughout the morning session, being renewed at the afternoon session.

The proceedings of this character were not stopped until resolutions providing for an adjournment of the House sine die and a resolution providing for the abolishing of the Legislature had been introduced. The large chamber was well filled with visitors.

It contrasted very unfavorably with the impressive and dignified duties of nominating a United States Senator. However the House got down to actual work at 3:30 p. m. and some good results were obtained. A number of new bills and resolutions were introduced, while several bills were advanced on the calendar and others passed.

### Mileage for Members.

Of special interest was the adoption of a resolution by Mr. Clarke of Jefferson and a substitute by Mr. Alexander of Volusia, as follows:

"Whereas, the railroad fare in the State of Florida is 3 cents per mile, therefore be it resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives shall be paid the sum of 3 cents per mile for every mile actually traveled in coming to and returning home after the adjournment of the session of 1909 and that the members of the House of Representatives shall be paid the amount actually expended for railroad fare in coming to and returning from the Legislature of 1909."

The report of the joint commission appointed by the Legislature of 1907 to investigate the affairs of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Board is made a special order for 11 o'clock this morning. The report is highly interesting. The House will receive the report and order copies of the same printed.

Much interest centers on the public

Mrs. Bunch Met Tragic Death.

FERNANDINA, April 21.—A runaway accident here yesterday resulted in the tragic death of Mrs. Bunch, from O'Neal. The two sons of Mrs. Bunch were on trial at this session of the court here for having tried to wreck a handcar and had been released from custody. Their mother had come into town in a buggy and the horse took fright running away and throwing her from the buggy, while she was dragged some distance, her head between the wheels and her

hearing by the constitutional amendment committee of the House of protests to the proposed constitutional amendment providing for State-wide prohibition on Thursday. Business men from Jacksonville, Tampa, Pensacola and other cities of the State are here to enter protests against constitutional amendment for such a purpose.

At the afternoon session the following resolution was introduced:

House Resolution No. 62, by Robertson of Suwannee—That the committee on legislative expenses be instructed to prepare a measure providing that compensation for members and attaches of the House be not more than \$5 per day.

Mr. Miller of Lake thought the resolution out of order in that it should be a joint resolution.

Mr. Robertson made a strong argument in favor of the resolution, in which he cited the fact that the members of the legislatures of a number of States received much less, and that the members of the British parliament served without pay.

Mr. Davis of Madison believed that the members, whether they came from the farm, the law office or the mercantile establishment, lost money by attending the legislature. "I am in favor of economy, gentlemen, but I am not in favor of false economy. I contend that \$5 per day is small enough for any man to come here and give up his business in order to do so."

Mr. Dupont of St. Johns said: "The people of the State would not kick if we received \$10 per day, provided we did something, but to devote our time and energies to such frivolous matters as we have so far today, we are not entitled to a cent's compensation."

This resolution was lost.

Mr. Hatcher of Columbia offered a resolution that if there were any members present who thought \$5 per day too much compensation, that such members be urged to go to their homes and talk economy to their constituency.

This resolution was ruled out of order.

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.

body partially in the vehicle. The unfortunate woman was released and taken into the house of Dr. Waas, near which place she was passing when the accident occurred. She died about 4:30 o'clock.

St. Petersburg has decided through its council that it doesn't need a revision of its charter, thus saving the Legislature that much work at the present session.

The Tampa Yacht Club is to bond for \$10,000 to build a better home.

## Popular Young Actor Is Slain By Jealous Woman

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 21.—Following closely on the heels of an announcement of the approaching marriage of Earl P. Adams, a popular actor and stage director of the Mabel Paige Company, now playing in this city, to Miss Elizabeth Bagley, Miss Jessie Brown, a well-known young woman to whom Adams had been previously engaged, shot and killed him yesterday afternoon, when, it is alleged, Adams went to explain to her the approaching marriage to Miss Bagley. Adams was shot several times by Miss Brown and he died almost instantly.

Miss Brown was arrested and placed in the county jail.

One peculiar feature of the case is that Miss Brown is a sister of Miss May Brown who was killed here in 1905 by her lover, who at the same time shot her mother, Mrs. Freeman, and Detective Cahoon.

Mr. Adams was with the Mabel Paige Company when they appeared at the New Baird Theatre in this city several months ago, and made numerous friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

## Railroads to Discontinue Issuance of Mileage Books

ATLANTA, April 21.—Because persons who travel long distances, 1,000 miles or more, have been in the habit of purchasing 1,000-mile books at 2 cents a mile instead of paying the straight 2½ cents a mile fare, it is stated here the railroads propose to withdraw the 1,000-mile book at 2 cents on June 1.

It is also stated that the 2,000-mile

book at 2 cents which may now be used by five persons, one at a time, will be amended so that it will be good for only one individual. It is expected the proposed changes will bring strong protest from the traveling men.

A little want ad. will accomplish big results.

## Carbolic Acid Takes The Life of Baby Girl

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 21.—Mary Ann Henderson, the two-year-old daughter of W. J. Henderson, while playing on the floor of their home on Eighteenth street, crawled under the bed and found the family medicine chest, which had been pushed there to be out of the way.

Opening the chest the child found a half-ounce bottle of carbolic acid, and child-like proceeded to drink the contents, swallowing about half the acid. The little girl died afterwards in great agony. Mr. Henderson was ill at the time and her condition is now quite serious.

## D. U. Fletcher Elected Senator By Legislature

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 21.—Duncan U. Fletcher was elected United States Senator from Florida by the unanimous vote of the two houses of Legislature at noon yesterday in accordance with the nomination made in the primaries last spring. John Beard, of Pensacola made the nominating speech in the Senate and Frank

Chase of Jacksonville seconded by John Neely of Tallahassee, in the House. Neely spoke at some length.

The only feature of the election was when Representative Alexander of Volusia cast his vote. He explained it, saying that he wanted to vote for Napoleon B. Broward, but could not under the primary laws and customs.